## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA GREENVILLE DIVISION

) Civil Action No. 6:05-2675-TL	W-WMC
Plaintiff, )	
) <u>ORDER</u>	
vs.	
JOANNE B. BARNHART, )	
Commissioner of Social Security, )	
)	
Defendant. )	

Plaintiff has brought this action to obtain judicial review of a final decision of the defendant, Commissioner of Social Security, denying her claim for Disability Insurance Benefits. This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation ("the Report") filed by United States Magistrate Judge William M. Catoe, to whom this case had previously been assigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a), (D.S.C.). In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Commissioner's decision be reversed under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Report was filed on October 25, 2006. Defendant filed objections on November 15, 2006. Plaintiff filed a reply on November 17, 2006.

In conducting this review, the Court applies the following standard:

The magistrate judge makes only a recommendation to the Court, to which any party may file written objections. . . . The Court is not bound by the recommendation of the magistrate judge but, instead, retains responsibility for the final determination. The Court is required to make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the Report and

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Recommendation to which no objections are addressed. While the level of scrutiny entailed by the Court's review of the Report thus depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, the Court is free, after review, to accept,

reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's findings or recommendations.

Wallace v. Housing Auth. of the City of Columbia, 791 F.Supp. 137, 138 (D.S.C. 1992) (citations

omitted).

In light of this standard, the Court has reviewed, de novo, the Report and the objections

thereto.

After a thorough review of the record, the Report, and defendant's objections in accordance

with the standard set forth above, and for the reasons articulated by the Magistrate Judge, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's Report is **ACCEPTED** (Doc. #11), defendant's objections

are OVERRULED (Doc. # 12), and the decision of the Commissioner is REVERSED under

sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further

proceedings as discussed in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Terry L. Wooten

TERRY L. WOOTEN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

March 7, 2007

Florence, South Carolina

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